Brotherhood Month

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Time to Clean This Mess Up, Sam!

Editorial Contest Open to Students

As a means of bestowing recognition on the often courageous stands taken by college newspapers at Southern institutions, the SCEF announces the following contest:

For the best student editorials dealing with the problem of segregation in education, a total of $150 in prizes will be awarded at the end of this school year. First prize will be $100, second $25, and there will be five honorable mention prizes of $5 each.

The editorial must have appeared in print some time during the 1951-52 sessions. Deadline for entries is May 1. Three copies should be submitted.

Students at universities and colleges in the following states are eligible: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Entries and requests for additional information should be addressed to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, La.

'Of One Blood'

A Message for Race Relations Sunday, February 10, 1952 from the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. *"God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men . . . For we are also his offspring."*

(Acts 17:26a, 28b)

Fourscore and seven years ago one of our forefathers fell before an assassin's hand. A gaunt, homespun man he was, ridiculed by opponents as a rail splitter and backwoodsman. A common man he was, and we have done well to place his image on our most common coin. He is honored throughout the world today as probably the greatest American.

We honor Abraham Lincoln for his personal greatness, but we have left unfinished his work of emancipation. A revolution in race relations has been taking place in America in the last decade; old fetters are breaking and a new spirit of reconciliation is abroad in the land. But too often still the vague fact of color and the vaguer theories of race overshadow the deeper fact of brotherhood among all men. Emancipated, the Negro is not yet given equal freedom. Welcomed as cheap labor, newly arrived members of minority groups, including Jews, Orientals and Mexicans, are still treated cheaply in many ways. The American Indian, on a continent earlier his own, continues to suffer from exploitation and limited opportunity.

The whole world watches every denial of human brotherhood. The issue of race has become crucial in a time when men must learn to live as brothers if they are to live at all. In Asia and Africa non-white peoples are breaking old bonds of domination and are struggling toward equal status in the world. On occasion their aspirations are thwarted by newer and subtler forms of tyranny, but they will not be forever denied. The struggle for racial equality is a central aspect of the current conflict among the nations, and tyranny can hardly be defeated in one sphere unless it is rejected in every form, everywhere.

The findings of science and the ideals of democracy agree with the Christian faith in proclaiming the unity and the essential equality of all men. But Christian faith goes deeper and bases its teachings on foundations that can never be shaken. It affirms that men are not only equal under God, but also brothers: "For we are also his offspring." He hath made us all of one blood; we are all kinsmen in the only family that shall endure forever. We are required therefore not only to tolerate one another, and to deal justly the one with the other; more profoundly, we must actually love each other. Because God our Father loves us all, our love must be without sham. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

God gives life to every man; for all men did Christ die and rise again. Under God every infraction of brotherhood will come to judgment; in Christ men are bound inseparably together.

The faith we profess condemns all racial division and directs our feet toward a new way. The Christian churches have succumbed largely to racial lines. Now we are moving toward unity in race relations and toward integration in a more blessed community. We must hasten: the times are urgent and our imperatives are clear.

Justification is coming for the faith of a tall man—a gaunt man so tall that his image will fall across centuries—a homespun man of the people who believed that the people under God, at last, would find the way to brotherhood.

A time for testing has come for that greater faith which the centuries have not obscured: the assurance that we live and move and have our own true being in God the Father, whose offspring we are and whose redemptive love enables us to treasure all men as brothers.

Prepared for the NNC by Dr. Liston Pope, of Thomasville, Ga., Dean of Yale University Divinity School.

Five New Members Elected to SCEF Board

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Five new members have been elected to the board of directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund. They are MR. JOHN WESLEY DOBBS, Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.; DR. ROBERT HODES, Professor of Neurophysiology and Experimental Neurology, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La.; MR. RUDOLPH MOSES, Professor of English and Head of Department of Literature and Fine Arts, Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; DR. WILLIAM OBRINSKY, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La.; and FREDERICK RHODES, M.D., New Orleans, La.

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We Salute - Dr. Alva W. Taylor Dean of Southern Liberals

DR. TAYLOR

ALVA W. TAYLOR, secretary-treasurer and board member of SCEF, has reached his 80th birthday. Unlike most of us who tire, grow weary or indifferent with age, Dr. Taylor appears to gain fresh momentum with each passing year.

"My interest", writes Dr. Taylor, "was always to teach students for the ministry and other religious work the essentials of Christian Ethics and to spur them up to have courage to practice and preach it."

And the teacher never lacked the courage himself to provide the perfect example. He never faltered in what he considered to be right, even though it meant the loss of his teaching position.

As founder of the social action department of his denomination, the Disciples of Christ, teacher of social ethics at Vanderbilt University, a contributor for 40 years to the *Christian Century* and some 50 other journals, labor mediator and chairman of the Labor Relations Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, chairman of the Progressive Party of Tennessee, executive board member of NAACP, and in scores of other ways Dr. Alva W. Taylor has earned the title of Dean of Southern Liberals—to him our gratitude and our salute.

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Austin Drops Bias

By a 3-2 vote last month the City Council of Austin, Texas, opened the main library to Negroes and the Negro branch to whites.

Spearheading the successful action was Professor W. Astor Kirk of Tillotson College.

We Have Left Work Unfinished

Shocking violence and peaceful progress concurred during 1951 as the battle against bias and the search for brotherhood continued.

It was the year of a bitter Christmas that found NAACP leader Harry Moore and his wife blasted to death by bigots in Mims, Fla.

But yet, on that very date, our records showed a total of 1532 contributions—a gain of one-third over the previous year. By that much more are people coming to realize that segregation is a dynamite bomb beneath the homes of all of us.

It was the year of consolidation of gains and plotting of new advances.

Under the aegis of the Sweatt decision, graduate school after graduate school was opened to ALL qualified students. Steps were taken to make the transportation companies comply with the letter and spirit of court rulings. Some professional societies and libraries dropped Jim Crow bars.

A direct bid for the integration of public schools was made in South Carolina and elsewhere.

And, becoming aware of the pressing problem of medical discrimination, the SCEF has undertaken a poll of some 46,000 Southern doctors to gain their views on segregation in medical services.

This project was made possible by your contributions last year. For us to use the findings to the utmost advantage and to strike for new goals, your continued support is necessary.

Let us grow again by a third in 1952.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

Financial Statements as of December 31, 1951

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets:	
Cash in Bank—Operating Fund	$ 1,276.14
Dividends Receivable	27.00
Investments	3,913.00
	$ 5,216.14
Other Assets:	
Cash in Bank—Social Security Fund	$ 172.10
Cash in Bank—Grants for Special Projects	7,414.31
Meter Deposit	10.00
	$ 7,596.41
Total Assets	$12,812.55

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:	
Reserve for Social Security Fund	$ 172.10
Surplus	12,640.45
Total Liabilities	$12,812.55

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1951

REVENUES

Contributions and Subscriptions	$24,789.79
Sale of Literature and Other Revenues	315.93
Total Revenues	$25,105.72

EXPENDITURES

Administrative and Office Expenses	$13,739.31
Special Projects and Activities	5,061.46
Total Expenditures	$18,800.77

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE EXPENSES

Salaries	$ 9,223.70
Travel	578.09
Board Expense	83.00
Auditing Fees	275.00
Legal Expense	10.34
Rent	960.00
Utilities	39.90
Office Supplies and Printing	783.78
Addressograph	42.81
Postage and Express	608.07
Telephone and Telegraph	248.42
Bank charges	2.91
Books and Periodicals	9.50
Lettershop Service, Labor	749.85
Water Service	11.50
Social Security Tax	81.54
Miscellaneous	30.90
	$13,739.31

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Southern Patriot	$ 1,807.00
Youth	3.15
Florida Project	11.06
Children of James Edward Day, Jr.	10.00
Discrimination in Law Schools	295.28
Health Project	2,860.69
Exhibits, Children in America	52.03
Editorial Reprints	20.60
New Orleans Terminal	1.65
	$ 5,061.46
Total Expenditures	$18,800.77

(Note: The above report was prepared by the SCEF bookkeeper. The financial records of SCEF are audited annually by the firm of Moses, Rittler and Co., CPA, New Orleans, La.)